Schofields Road upgrade and extension

Stage 2 between Tallawong Road and Veron Road – Concept design and review of environmental factors are on display

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is planning to meet the future transport needs of the North West Growth Centre. The design is called a transit boulevard.

Transit boulevards connect pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and vehicles to surrounding urban land use. They are tree lined to set them apart from other roads.

Schofields Road, when extended to Richmond Road, would be a major east-west connection between Rouse Hill and Marsden Park.

The concept design and review of environmental factors for stage 2 of the Schofields Road upgrade and extension between Tallawong Road and Veron Road, are on display for community comments until Friday 2 November 2012.

Background

Schofields Road is currently a two lane rural road linking Windsor Road at Rouse Hill and Railway Terrace at Schofields. It forms a T-junction with Railway Terrace at its western end.

It is proposed that Schofields Road cross the Blacktown-Richmond rail line via an underpass and continue along South Street to link up with Richmond Road at Marsden Park.

The Schofields Road corridor would be a four lane transit boulevard when completed.

The proposed Schofields Road upgrade is being planned in three stages:

- Stage 1 of the Schofields Road upgrade is between Windsor Road and Tallawong Road. It is anticipated that construction of Stage 1 will commence in October 2012.
- Stage 2 of the Schofields Road upgrade is between Tallawong Road and Veron Road.
- Stage 3 is between Veron Road and Richmond Road.

Review of environmental factors and concept design – have your say

A review of environmental factors and the concept design for the upgrade of Schofields Road between Tallawong Road and Veron Road are on display until Friday 2 November 2012 and can be viewed at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects.

For display locations and details of community information sessions, please see the back page of this community update.

Community involvement

RMS recognises the importance of involving the community in developing the Schofields Road upgrade and extension.

Community comments received to date for the Schofields Road corridor have been carefully considered by RMS to develop the concept design and to prepare the review of environmental factors.
Features of the proposed Stage 2 road upgrade and extension

- Upgrade from a two lane to a four lane divided road.
- A wide central median means RMS can widen the road to six lanes if required in the future.
- Extend Schofields Road from Railway Terrace to Veron Road.
- Provide a tree lined transit boulevard, in a generally 43 metre wide corridor.
- Provide new intersections with traffic signals at Hambledon Road, Alex Avenue/Boundary Road, Junction Road, Railway Terrace and Veron Road.
- Provide left in / left out access to the Schofields Precinct between Bridge Street and Veron Road and also at Schofields Farm Road.
- Provide temporary u-turn facilities until the surrounding precincts and local road network has been sufficiently developed.
- Construct two twin bridges at First Ponds Creek and the Eastern Creek tributary near Railway Terrace.
- Retain a connection to the new Schofields Station western car park via a new bridge overpass at Bridge Street.
- Provide an underpass crossing of the Blacktown to Richmond rail line.
- Provide designated turning lanes.
- Construct off-road shared paths for cyclists and pedestrians on the southern side of the road and make provisions for a future shared path on the northern side of the road.
- Install bus priority measures at intersection approaches.
- Provide bus stops at and in between signalised intersections.
- Improve flood immunity.
- Implement an initial speed limit of 70 km/h reducing to 60 km/h in the future, as traffic increases.
**Benefits of the Schofields Road Corridor**

- Ultimately provide a direct local link between Windsor Road and Richmond Road.
- Provide an east-west connection between the Rouse Hill Regional Centre, the proposed North West Rail Link (NWRL), the proposed Alex Avenue town centre, Schofields Railway Station and the proposed new Schofields town centre, and the proposed Marsden Park industrial, commercial and residential areas.
- Provide an additional crossing of the Blacktown to Richmond rail line.
- Improved capacity along Schofields Road, catering for higher traffic volumes.
- Provide for future extension to the proposed Werrington Arterial road.
- Install 10 new signalised intersections between Windsor Road and Richmond Road.
- Reduced travel times.
- Improved road safety.
- Improved access and safety for cyclists and pedestrians by providing for off-road shared paths.
- Provide bus priority at key intersections.
- Improved landscaping.
- Improved flood immunity.

**Display locations**

The review of environmental factors and concept design are available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects and are on display at the following locations until **Friday 2 November 2012**:

- **Blacktown City Council**
  62 Flushcombe Road
  BLACKTOWN NSW 2148
  Mon–Fri 9.00am to 5.00pm

- **Riverstone Library**
  1st Floor, Marketown
  RIVERSTONE NSW 2765
  Mon and Wed 9.30am to 8.00pm,
  Tue, Thu and Fri 9.30am to 5.00pm
  and Sat 9.30am to 11.30am
Creek channel realignment / major culvert
Connection to Stage 1 Schofields Road upgrade
40m twin bridge
Left in/ Left out
Signalised intersection
Major culvert
50m twin bridge
Left in/ Left out
Signalised intersection
Bridge Street overbridge to connect to Schofields Station
Signalised intersection
Road under pre-constructed rail bridge
Future extension to Richmond Road
Signalised intersection
Left in/ Left out
SCHOFIELD'S ROAD UPGRADE AND EXTENSION - TALLAWONG ROAD TO VERON ROAD
- Creek channel realignment
- Major culvert
- Connection to Stage 1 Schofields Road upgrade
- 40m twin bridge
- Left in/Left out signalised intersection
- Bridge Street overbridge to connect to Schofields Station
- Signalised intersection
- Road under pre-constructed rail bridge
- Future extension to Richmond Road
- Boundary Road
- Alex Avenue
- SCHOFIELD'S ROAD

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Creek channel realignment / major culvert

Connection to Stage 1 Schofields Road upgrade

Signalised intersection

Creek channel realignment / major culvert

Hambledon Road

SCHOFIELD'S ROAD

Signalised intersection

KEY

- Bus stops
- U-turn facility (temporary)
- Off road shared pedestrian/ cycle path or footpath

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- **Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre**
  Sam Lane Community Complex, Park Street, Riverstone on:
  - Thursday 18 October 2012 between 5.00pm and 8.00pm
  - Saturday 20 October 2012 between 10.00am and 1.00pm

The RMS project team can answer questions and receive your feedback.

A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to drop in at any time during these information sessions.

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